

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004. Non-elected claims 39-48 have been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement. Allowable claim 26 has also been canceled and its subject matter added to claim 1. New *dependent* claims 50-86 have been added. Thus, claims 1-25, 27-38 and 49-86 are now pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 33-38, and the Examiner's express indication that claims 7, 16, 17, 24, 32 and 49 contain allowable subject matter. By not rejecting claims 3, 6, 9-11, 15, 18-23 and 25-29 over any prior art, the Examiner has also implicitly indicate that these claims also including allowable subject matter.

While applicant does not agree with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer has been filed herewith in order to render the same moot.

No claims remain that were rejected over prior art. In particular, subject matter of allowable claim 26 has been added to claim 1, and allowable claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 25, 28, 29 and 32 has been rewritten in independent form to place the same in condition for allowance (in view of the Examiner's express indication of allowable subject matter and/or filing of the terminal disclaimer).

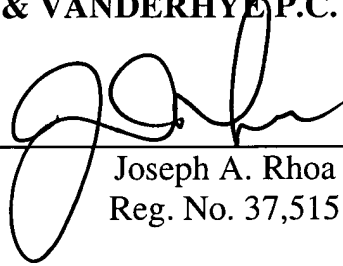
The application is now in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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